

EXAMINER'S COMMENT

1. Linking claim 81, as amended below, is hereby allowable. Therefore, the restriction requirement between Groups 1-10, as set forth in the Office action mailed on August 19, 2008, has been reconsidered in view of the allowability of claims to the elected invention pursuant to MPEP § 821.04(a). **The restriction requirement is hereby withdrawn as to any claim that requires all the limitations of an allowable claim.** Claims 83-88, 97-116, and 120-124, directed to the inventions of Group 1, 2, and 4-10 are no longer withdrawn from consideration because the claim(s) requires all the limitations of an allowable claim.

In view of the above noted withdrawal of the restriction requirement, applicant is advised that if any claim presented in a continuation or divisional application is anticipated by, or includes all the limitations of, a claim that is allowable in the present application, such claim may be subject to provisional statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejections over the claims of the instant application.

Once a restriction requirement is withdrawn, the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 are no longer applicable. See *In re Ziegler*, 443 F.2d 1211, 1215, 170 USPQ 129, 131-32 (CCPA 1971). See also MPEP § 804.01.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided

by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Doug Hanscom (reg. no. 26,600) on January 19, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

In paragraph [0053], line 15, the term --66-- was inserted after "U-shaped bracket" to provide a description of the reference numeral as shown in Figure 7.

IN THE CLAIMS:

With respect to claim 81, the entire text of the claim has been deleted and replaced with the following language:

--81. A device for storing at least first and second used dressings, the used dressings being removed one after another in succession from the same cylinder of a printing press, the device comprising:

a plurality of dressing storage positions in said device, each of said dressing storage positions being adapted to support a dressing supported along a length of said dressing, and being inclined at an angle of no greater than 15° with respect to a horizontal line; said dressing storage positions being spaced vertically with respect to each other in said device; and

means for guiding each of said at least first and second used dressings being removed from the cylinder into the dressing storage positions, each of said at least first and second used dressings being fed into one of said plurality of dressing storage positions by the guiding means, whereby, in a sequence of individual removal of each of said at least first and second used dressing from the cylinder, each succeeding one of said at least first and second used dressings is being stored underneath a previously removed one of said at least first and second used dressings, said guiding means being adapted to push each succeeding one of said at least first and second used dressing removed from the cylinder underneath and into contact with said previously removed used dressing in the dressing storage position.--

In claim 88, line 2, the term "above" was deleted.

In claim 89, line 1, the term "said" (first occurrence) was deleted.

Claims 93-94, 117-119 and 125 have been canceled.

In claim 103, line 2, the term --element-- was inserted after "guide".

In claim 111, line 3, the term --portion-- was inserted after "support".

In claim 111, line 4, the term --portion-- was inserted after "support".

In claim 121, line 1, the term "1" was deleted and replaced with --81--.

The above changes to the claim 81 were made to more particularly distinguish from the prior art by more particularly reciting the guiding means which are adapted to push each successive dressing underneath and into contact with the previously removed

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dressings in the dressing storage position. The other changes to the claims were made to correct several minor formalities and to cancel claims that were drawn to the second chute for storing new dressings since claim 81 is focused on the storage device for used dressings.

IN THE TITLE:

Please note the title of the invention has been changed by the Examiner to the following to more accurately reflect the claimed invention:

--DEVICE FOR STORING AT LEAST TWO DRESSINGS THAT ARE DRAWN OFF FROM THE SAME CYLINDER OF A PRINTING MACHINE ONE AFTER ANOTHER--

Reasons for Allowance

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With respect to claim 81 in particular, the prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest a device for storing used dressings comprising all of the structure as recited, in combination with and particularly including, guiding means being adapted to push each succeeding one of the at least first and second used dressing removed from the cylinder underneath and into contact with the previously removed used dressing in the dressing storage position.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Leslie J. Evanisko** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-2161**. The examiner can normally be reached on T-F 8:00 am-6:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-2258. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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